

HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

December 22, 2009

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Bob Bullen
Commissioner Carol Cook
Commissioner Will Jordan
Commissioner Allen McAdoo
Commissioner Jeff Jordan, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess Harry Gill
Jeff Sandvig Teresa Jolly
Dana Garrett
Becky Shelton

Chairman Jordan presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with five members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner W. Jordan moved, seconded by Commissioner McAdoo, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Dana Garrett presented the Health Department report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Cook moved, seconded by Commissioner Bullen, to approve the Health Department report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

COMMUNITY CARE REPORT:

The December 3, 2009 minutes of Community Care were presented for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner W. Jordan moved, seconded by Commissioner Cook, to approve the Community Care report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT:

Teresa Jolly presented the Special Projects report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Cook moved, seconded by Commissioner W. Jordan, to approve the Special Projects report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT:

Superintendent Gill and Jeff Sandvig presented the Board of Education report for the use and information of the Committee. The Committee was first advised of an amendment in Major Capital Projects, Fund 177 involving three projects included in the 08/09 budget that had not been completed as of June 30, 2009. The amendment takes \$427,144 from Fund 177 Fund Balance and budgets it to line items in Function 91300, Education Capital Projects. Most of the funds will go to maintenance and repair services for buildings. This \$427,144 is needed to fund the completion of John Coleman renovation at \$385,144; Smyrna High Roof at \$20,128 and Christiana Elementary Roof at \$21,872. These are not new funds. \$650,748 in unexpended budgeted funds went to fund balance on July 1, 2009 and \$427,144 needs to be rebudgeted. The \$223,604 difference that remains in fund balance is the savings of last year's projects. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Bullen moved, seconded by Commissioner Cook, to amend \$427,144 from Fund 177 Fund Balance and budget it to the object codes as presented in Function 91300, Education Capital Projects. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Mr. Gill next addressed the Committee regarding the athletic programs at Central Magnet advising it was supply and demand. If there is demand for a program they hope to provide it except for wrestling and football due to facilities required. Mr. Gill advised he thought the expense as to facilities would be minimal and he and the Board felt it was needed to offer these programs and that had always been the mindset. Commissioner W. Jordan inquired when the mindset changed because previously they had been told there would be token athletics at the school. Mr. Gill advised he did not remember saying that but he may have. A committee was created and developed the MO for the school and he has documentation from at least three years ago showing athletics would be offered. Mr. Gill advised he recently flew with the Blue Angels and in looking at their bios saw they all went to prestigious schools but also had athletic backgrounds so he feels the decision on athletics at Central Magnet is correct. Commissioner W. Jordan advised he thought they sold the magnet school to other principals because they would not be offering athletics. Mr. Gill advised it is the responsibility of the School Board to provide the best opportunity for students. Commissioner Cook advised it was a state requirement that gym and some gym sports be offered at all schools. Mr. Gill advised to graduate 1½ years of gym is required. Mr. Sandvig reminded the Committee two options were discussed early on with one being a K-12 magnet that may not have involved as much athletics and also any student wanting to be involved in athletics to go back to their zoned school for the sport. Potentially this is where some of the confusion arose. Commissioner McAdoo advised also the TSSAA ruling was not initially known that students would not be allowed to go back to their zoned school for athletic programs.

The Committee was next advised of steps the school system has taken to fight the flu including use of the messenger system on precautions to avoid the flu, staying up to date on CDC reports, providing hand sanitizers and coaching employees on what to look for and educating on how to minimize the spread of the flu.

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman J. Jordan declared the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

JEFF JORDAN, Chairman